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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
Economic Intelligence Committee
SUBJECT : Special Activities During Past Six Months

Economic Reporting Guidance Program

1. It has been recognized that because of the conditions prevailing in the various countries behind the Iron Curtain and the limitations placed upon the U.S. Missions, information needs cannot be met in the same way or to the same extent that they are fulfilled in posts in free-world countries. The U.S. Missions, therefore, have been informed that they are not expected to provide analytical reports per se, but should endeavor to provide as many of the details as are available which make such analysis possible.

2. [The Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation consequently sponsored the preparation of a Guide to Economic Reporting, USSR, dated April 30, 1953. Similar guides to economic reporting have since been prepared for each of the following posts: Warsaw, Budapest, Bucharest, and Prague.]

3. [Continuing guidance and comments concerning the economic reporting are being provided for each of the four posts in Satellite countries.] The reporting program is also being supported through the provision of various aids such as brief background studies and maps, and it is being integrated with the Coordinated Travel Program recently initiated in the Satellites. Foreign Service Officers are provided with briefing and training facilities according to individual needs, before they leave Washington.

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